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2003 COMMERCIAL SCUP FISHERY TO CLOSE OCTOBER 7

The Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) has projected that 100% of the scup "summer" quota has been taken. Consequently, the scup commercial fishery will close effective 0001 hours on Tuesday, October 7. The fishery will re-open on November 1 with a 1,500-pound possession limit during a 24-hour day.

Dealers are reminded that it is unlawful to purchase scup from Massachusetts commercial fishermen when the fishery is closed. State-only permitted dealers are required to submit dealer transaction forms by December 31, 2003. Quota totals and regulations can be monitored through the *Marine Fisheries* web site at: www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.